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to work takes from five to eight
minutes.

WAR AMONG THE ARCTIC WHALERS.

Civil Strife and Bloodshed in the
Herschell Island Colony.

DESERTERS FIGHT PURSUERS.

Season of Jollity Starts in Well But is Soon
Changed—Men Leave for Yukon Gold
Fields—One Sailor Killed Another Badly
Wounded—But One of Them Escaped.

A state of civil war prevails at Her-
schell Island, Arctic Ocean, or did last
spring, which was the last time letters
were dispatched to friends at home
by the whaling colony in that frigid re-
gion. A batch of letters was received
in this city Sunday morning, and the
information they contain reads more
like a dime novel or a story of pirate
marauding than an actual record of
facts in a community of civilized men,
says the New Bedford (Mass.) Repub-
lican Standard of September 14.

The winter colony at Herschell Island
the past winter consisted of 13 vessels
and about 500 persons. The Balena and
Grampus, also of the fleet, wintered
further eastward this year. The usual
season of jollity and good cheer served
to while away the dull, cold months,
and sociability has been at a higher
pitch than ever before. There were
five women in the fleet this winter,
Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Cook,
Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Whiteside, and
their entertainments were a source of
great enjoyment.

But the early part of the winter saw
a state of affairs arise which required
the exercise of all the firmness and
rigid discipline usually found in an
army. Even then the safety of the
colony was at times threatened and
the greatest excitement prevailed. Soon
after the fleet went into quarters the
men commenced to get excited over
reports of rich finds of gold in the
valley of the Yukon river, and the fever
commenced to ferment among them to
have a share in the harvest. As the
hardships of winter came on these
murmurings grew more intense, and
desertion came to be momentarily ex-
pected.

The first desertions took place Nov-
ember 5, when two Germans started
away to walk across country to San
Francisco. Five days later they came
back, heartily sick of their determina-
tion, declaring that they had no idea
San Francisco was so far off. One of
them had a toe frozen.

On January 1st, in the midst of a
blizzard, with the thermometer down
to 46 below zero, an Indian came to-
ttering into camp with the information
that Second Mate Tilton of the steamer
Alexander, who had left on the 15th,
was lost with his dog team, and unless
aid reached him speedily would perish.
Second Mate Hill of the steamer Jean-
ette and Third Mate Curry of the Mary
D. Hume started out for his relief.
They found him in an Indian hut, suf-
fering from frost-bites, and exhausted,
but the Indians were doing their best
for him. They started with him back
to the fleet, and reached there on the
24th. Tilton was badly used up. Sev-
eral of his fingers and toes were frozen
and have since been amputated, but he
was at the time of writing thought to
be on the road to recovery.

A MEETING OF CAPTAINS.
January 21 seven more men deserted
in a body and started for the Yukon.
They broke into a storehouse on shore,
stole a quantity of provisions, several
rifles, a sled and dog team. The lives
of the deserting party made things
look serious, so a meeting of the cap-
tains of the fleet was held and martial
law was declared throughout the set-
tlement. A regular beach patrol, armed
with loaded rifles, was established,
and rigid orders were issued for all
men forward to be on board before 8
p. m. every night.

proceedings in the quiet Arctic regions
frightened the natives almost out of
their wits, and they fled in disorder,
throwing away their clothes in the
flight.

The news naturally elated the party
aboard the fleet, for they thought it
presaged a speedy capture of the de-
serters. But their hopes were dashed to
earth on the 18th, when the pursuing
expedition came back with no greater
spoils than one small hand sled drag-
ging peacefully behind them. They said
a thrilling story, however. They said
they had come up with the deserters
on the evening of the 17th and a battle
had ensued. The fugitives turned their
sled up for a barricade and from be-
hind it had opened fire on their pur-
suers. About 40 or 50 life shots were
exchanged at 500 yards distance, but
no one was hurt on either side. Most
of the shots took effect on the barri-
cade. After the fusillade had subsided
an officer was sent forward with a flag
of truce for a parley.

"Are there any captives in your party?"
asked the ring-leader of the de-
serters.

"No," replied the man with the flag
of truce.

"Then you can all go to hell," was
the reply.

The pursuers didn't immediately fol-
low the advice, but they held a consul-
tation. Things had assumed a serious
aspect, and if bullets were the missives
to be used, and to be used in this pen-
tious form, none of the officers was
willing to assume the responsibilities of
command. So they decided to
abandon the expedition and go back to
Herschell Island, which they did.

The party of deserters had by this
time grown to be a formidable force.
They had started with only such equip-
ment as they could haul on a single
sled, and their armament was one rifle,
but the men rapidly equipped them-
selves, however, by plundering the
natives' and ship's storehouses.

At the end of their first eight miles
they came to a native village and
sacked it. At the point of the rifle, the
inhabitants were forced to retire and
the deserters beat the squaws off brut-
ally. The natives fled to the ships and
the marauders helped themselves to
the stores. Soon after they captured a
sledge in charge of two natives and
secured thereby a dozen rifles and con-
siderable ammunition.

SHOTS EXCHANGED.

On March 22, two captains started
for the camp of the Igillick Indians to
see if the deserters could not be ar-
rested as they passed through the realm
of that tribe. On the 26th they met two
of the ship's officers with a party of
native allies, returning with six of the
deserters, one of them badly wounded.
Five of the party had escaped and one
was killed in a battle.

It appears that after the engagement
referred to above, the marauders start-
ed up the river, robbing the ship store-
houses and native huts until they
reached Hoffman's camp. Hoffman
was an officer of the Wanderer, and his
camp consisted of a log house, which
he used in his hunting and trading ex-
peditions. At the time the deserters
reached there, Hoffman and most of
his expedition were away hauling in
venison on dog sleds. The camp was
left in charge of a single native.

The native was easily overcome and
then the deserters proceeded to destroy
things "out of pure cussedness," as
one writer puts it. They cut up the
blankets and clothing, smashed the
boats into splinters, scattered the flour,
powder and shot out on the ground,
and left the place absolutely destitute
of supplies, except for the two or three
days' provisions which Hoffman had
with him.

The native escaped and managed to
reach Hoffman and give the alarm.
Hoffman was a man of determination.
He gathered his forces—about ten men,
Indians and all—started on the chase
for the robbers. On the second day
they overtook them, and Hoffman
ordered them to surrender or he would
shoot.

"Shoot and be damned," came the
reply.

Hoffman shot. He opened fire
in full force, and in a few minutes a
lively battle was in progress. One of
the deserters from the Northern Light,
whose name was said to be Kennedy,
was killed in the melee and another
man, from the Janet, was badly wound-
ed. It seems that Kennedy was killed
by one of Hoffman's Indians in self
defense. Kennedy had shot at the
Indian several times in spite of the
fact that the Indian was hopping
around frantically to dodge the aim
and yelling, "No shoot me; me native;
me no white man." Finally the Indian
retaliated and shot Kennedy in the leg.
Kennedy fell to his knees, but kept
firing at the Indian, who then took
aim again and shot Kennedy dead.
The bullet entered his head. The
other man was shot about four inches
above his hip and it was thought fat-
ally. The bullet could not be found.

The ring-leader of the deserters was
away at the Igillick camp trading for
toboggans at the time of the battle,
but the rest of the party surrendered.
The leader returned only to find Ken-
nedy's body lying wrapped in canvas
on a raised framework to keep it from
the dogs. He afterward returned, un-
covered the face and then hurried away
up the Yukon.

The captured party was returned to
the fleet at Herschell Island and put in
irons. At the time of writing, early in
May, the wounded man, it was thought,
would not recover.

Many of the men who created the
trouble were to have come down this
year, and their operations are looked
upon by whalers as particularly fool-
hardy.

A man in London is making a lot of
money by lending out a £1,000 Bank
of England note for swell weddings, to be
exhibited as the gift of the bride's
father. A man is sent along to watch
the note, and can be made very useful
in exhibiting the presents.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JUDGE S. L. AUSTIN.

Expires at Waimea while on His
Way to Court.

END OF AN HONORED LIFE.

A Resident of the Islands for Nearly Twenty
Years—His Long Term as Judge—Respected
by All—Remains Sent to Hilo—Candidates
Mentioned for the Vacant Judgeship, Etc.

The Ke Au Hou arriving on Satur-
day morning brought down news of the
unexpected death of S. L. Austin,
judge of the third and fourth circuit
at Waimea, Hawaii, on Friday morn-
ing last.

The late jurist was on his way to at-
tend a term of court at Kohala and
was resting at Waimea preparatory



THE LATE JUDGE AUSTIN.

to continuing his journey to Kohala.
He has not been in good health
of late, but his ailment was nothing
more than is common with men of his
advanced years. He complained of
feeling unwell on Thursday night and
told his daughter, who was travelling
with him, that he would retire early.
He grew worse in the night and the
next day at eleven he died.

The fact was communicated to his fam-
ily and Sheriff Hitchcock in Hilo and
arrangements were made to have the
Kinaiu stop for the remains and take
them to Hilo. Deputy Sheriff Yates
was instructed to go to Honolulu and
communicate the fact of the death to
the executive and the Chief Justice. A
meeting of the executive was called at
once and it was decided to request
Antone Rosa to proceed to Hawaii by
the steamer W. G. Hall and sit as judge.
It is understood that Mr. Rosa yielded
reluctantly and will leave on Tuesday.

The dead jurist was born in Buffalo,
New York, in April, 1815, and came to
Hawaii when quite a young man. On
his arrival in Hilo he entered a mer-
cantile house as clerk, at the same time
pursuing his studies in law. In 1852
he was admitted to practice in the
courts of Hawaii by the Supreme
Court. In May, 1887, he was
appointed judge of the Kohala
circuit. In 1891, under the new law,
which required one judge for the Third
and Fourth Circuit, Judge Austin was
again appointed. His brother, Benja-
min H. Austin, was a resident of the
Islands in the early 50's and for a year
was second associate justice of the
Supreme Court, a position which he
resigned on account of ill health. His
death abroad, was recorded a year ago.
Another brother was Jonathan Austin
at one time a cabinet minister during
the monarchy.

Judge Austin leaves a wife and six
children. Mrs. Austin is visiting four
of her sons who reside in California.
One son, Herbert, and a daughter, Hat-
tie, reside in Hilo and the funeral will
be under their charge as Mrs. Austin
will not return for several weeks.

The death of Judge Austin marks
an epoch in the political history on
the big island, because in the appoint-
ment of a successor the executive is
placed between two huge fires. Hilo has
its candidates from each political fac-
tion and Honolulu lawyers will press
the claims of others, but with the re-
cognition Hilo will claim for the big
island, it is reasonable to suppose the
plum will go there.

From the fact that Antone Rosa
has received the temporary appoint-
ment unsought against Gardner
Wildner, a resident of Hilo who is a
possible candidate now visiting here,
it may be possible that the action of
the executive in appointing a Honolulu
lawyer may be endorsed by President
Dole and the position given to Mr. Rosa
permanently.

Both Senators Lyman and Holstein
are out of the race according to the
new law which provides that Senators
cannot be appointed to other positions
during the term for which they are
elected. D. H. Hitchcock would prob-
ably not accept the place if it was of-
fered him, owing to his failing health.
Gilbert F. Little, the most prominent

and successful lawyer in Hilo, would
probably decline for the reason that
his practice pays him better than the
judgeship. The permanent appoint-
ment will not be made until the pres-
ident returns to Honolulu, and perhaps
not until after the Hawaii term closes.

THE BLACK BLIGHT.

A Correspondent Gives and Asks
Information.

MR. EDITOR:—I observe in the col-
umns of an evening paper here an ar-
ticle describing a blight on coffee trees
in North Kona. Permit me to ask in
your columns if Professor Koebel's
attention has been called to the fact
that on some plantations the primaries
have been apparently sealed at the tips
with what appears to be a greenish
wax, the effect of which was, I have
been assured by a planter, to stay the
further straight outward growth of
the primaries on trees two to three
years old.

The remedy taken by the planter
quoted is to remove this wax with the
point of a knife when detected, thereby
securing the regular extension of the
growth. I mention this for the pur-
pose of drawing from others any ex-
ternal causes which their observation
and practical study of the coffee plant
may lead them to consider as likely to
account for what I would call "black
blight," and which to external obser-
vation appears first to attack the end
of the berry-laden primary.

This black blight is to be seen at
present in North as well as South Ko-
na. Such observations might well,
through your columns, be given every
publicity, drawing forth the planters'
ideas of cause and effect, and if doing
nothing more than putting scientific
investigation on probable good trails
for fixing the enemies of coffee plant
life, a good purpose will have been
served.

I would like to encroach upon your
space to a further extent, and would
like the following query to be answered
by anyone qualified to do so:

Will greater evaporation from the
soil take place when uncovered by a-
a than when covered by it? In other
words, would the porous a-a assist in
the retention of the moisture within
the soil beneath it, or otherwise?

Would the piling of the a-a close up
to and around the coffee trees be an
advantage or otherwise to the trees'
growth? How and wherefore would
they be affected?

X. Y. Z.

[There is in this office a collection
of coffee berries picked from a tree af-
fected by the black blight spoken of.
They are stunted in growth, almost
black in color, and the kernel shriveled
and soft. The branch containing the
berries was black and resembled a
burnt twig.—ED.]

SHOOTING SCORES.

Practicing for an International
Match With a Denver Club.

The twenty candidates for positions
on the team of ten to shoot a match
with the Denver Rifle Club are now
hard at work in their efforts to bring
their scores up to the highest possible
standard. The match will be shot on
Saturday, October 10, between 2 and 5
p. m., two strings of ten shots each
at 200 yards. Following is the Septem-
ber record of the Sharpshooters at the
range:

Wall, W. E.	48
McVeigh	48
McLean	46
Wall, A. C.	46
Cassidy	45
Dodge	45
Gibson	45
Corbett	45
Damon	45
Waterhouse	45
Marsden	44
Forbes	44
Johnson, H. D.	44
Wall, C. J.	44
Drummond	43
Everett	43
Scott	42
Bell	42
Farnsworth	42
Hitchcock	42
Johnson, M. B.	42
Rhodes	42
Martin	41
Emerson	40
King	40

COURT NOTES.

Suit Against Collector-General.
Portuguese Sues for Divorce.

Paul Muhlendorf, assignee of the es-
tate of H. Bertleman, has applied for
his discharge.

Judge Perry has allowed the appeal
of Maria K. Harbottle et al from the
decree of Judge Perry in an action
against T. W. Rawlins.

W. C. Peacock and C. A. Peacock,
trading as W. C. Peacock & Co., have
brought suit against the Collector Gen-
eral to recover \$1,333.17 duties paid un-
der protest.

Jose Joaquin Carvalho has sued his
wife, Maria C. Carvalho, for divorce.
Judge Perry has issued a decree in
favor of defendant in the suit of Maria
K. Harbottle et al vs. T. W. Rawlins.
The Royal Insurance Company has
been given until October 31 to perfect
and file bill of exceptions to decree in
suit brought by H. W. Schmidt & Son.

CROUP QUICKLY CURED.

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dren were suffering with croup when
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instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This
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druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith
& Co., agents for the Hawaiian Is-
lands.

MAY HAVE SOME GOOD CRICKET.

The Australian Champions to
Arrive on Mariposa.

GAMES PLAYED IN UNITED STATES

A Man Who Can Bowl Both Ways—Team
of Star Players Who Conquered Every
Thing But All England Eleven—Can a
Game be Arranged for Honolulu? Etc.

Information is at hand to the effect
that the Australian cricket team which
has been adding to its laurels by de-
feating the most celebrated teams of
England and America, will go through
here on the Mariposa on October 22.

The team consists of fifteen men, as
follows:

G. P. S. Trott, captain; George Grif-
fen, Hugh Trumble, S. E. Gregory, H.
Graham, E. Jones, A. E. Johns, J. Dar-
ling, C. Hill, H. Donnan, F. A. Tre-
dale, J. J. Kelly, T. R. McKibbin, C. J.
Eady and H. Musgrove. The first five
were in the team which visited Amer-
ica.

The team won 36 out of 39 games
played in England. Three games were
contested with the All-England, and of
these the Australians won one. They
played three games in Philadelphia and
won all, one with the Bayonne, New
Jersey, and one in Chicago, and they
added scalps to their gridle in both in-
stances.

Captain G. P. S. Trott remarked in
the East that he has in his team three
or four splendid bowlers who can adapt
themselves to any kind of wicket, and
if the pitch is at all sticky he has a
"terror" in T. R. McKibbin, who in the
last matches in England achieved un-
looked for success.

"McKibbin is about the only bowler
I know who can break the ball both
ways with accuracy," said Captain
Trott. "In Australia the wickets are so
hard and true that it is very difficult
to get any break on the balls, but on
some of the grounds in England Mc-
Kibbin had so much spin on the ball
that it often broke right across the
wicket, and he had to pitch it so far
to the off that the batsmen could al-
ways cover the stumps with their bod-
ies."

If the Mariposa remains in port dur-
ing the day, efforts will be made to
have the Australians play with a pick-
ed team of the Honolulu eleven.

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

Meeting of Town Team and Elec-
tion of Captain and Manager.

There was a large attendance of those
interested in foot ball last evening at
the Y. M. C. A. hall. After the meeting
was called to order, nominations for
captain were in order. Carlos Long
was unanimously elected, and Charles
Crane manager. It was decided that
the men would not play under the col-
ors of the H. A. A. C., but would be
known as the "Town Team." About
twenty-five men have signified their
intention to play, many of whom have
been on the gridiron in the States.

The boys will commence at once to
practice and go into active training.
They expect to obtain a coach in town,
as the Regiment and Punahou al-
ready have one. A. L. Morris, who
played in the Tacomas, and George H.
Robinson, who played on the Stam-
fords, have been suggested. It is the
idea to have a series of games between
the different clubs, and on Thanksgiving
Day the final game will be played.

The managers of the clubs will soon
meet to arrange a schedule of games.

The town team will have to do some
good work if they want to win from
the Punahou and the Regiment. The
first practice game will probably take
place tomorrow afternoon.

After some discussion on the general
subject of foot ball the meeting ad-
journed.

MAUI BASEBALL.

Arrangements Completed and the
Stars Will Go on Friday.

Arrangements are about completed
for the Star base ball team to go to
Maui on Friday to play the All-Maui
nine. Permission for the holiday was
asked the employers of members of the
Stars yesterday, and in every instance
it was promptly granted.

The team as made up is: H. Wilder,
L. Hart, C. Willis, Tom Pryce, Percy
Lishman, Willie Wilder, Sam Woods,
J. O. Carter Jr., Donald Ross, C. Con-
rad and Duke McNicoll. Of these ten
are sure to go. The Wilder Steamship
Company has kindly made special rates
for the players and they will leave by
the Kinaiu Friday morning. The early
part of Saturday will be spent in sight
seeing, and the afternoon will be de-
voted to the ball game. Morris Keo-
kahalo will probably accompany the
team as umpire.

J. O. Carter Jr. will manage the
team and probably play in the game.
He is thoroughly acquainted with all
the lava cracks in the vicinity and will
add to his duties as manager the re-
sponsibilities of guardian to the boys
while they are away.

The acceptance to the challenge will
go forward by the Hall today.